

Smithfield Preparative

Men Ministry &  
Women Oversight

7<sup>th</sup> mo 1902 — 7-26-1922

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS  
FOR NEW ENGLAND

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Smithfield Preparative meeting on  
 Ministry - Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1902  
 This meeting having reorganized in accord-  
 ance with the recommendation of the  
 uniform discipline, we appointed Sarah  
 Osborn Clerk thereof. This meeting as  
 now constituted comprises the following  
 named Friends, Emeline W. Tuttle,  
 William Aldrich, Mary A. Batley,  
 Sarah Osborn, James S. Read, Mrs  
 J. B. Steen and Oscar J. Morse.  
 Overseers in Society - William A. Aldrich,  
 Hannah J. Young, Sylvester S. Aldrich,  
 Anna W. Aldrich, Heer A. Canstun  
 William W. Gidding and Herbert  
 Walling. The minutes of the last meeting  
 on Ministry and Oversight were read.  
 The queries were read and seriously  
 considered. Our Friends, William  
 Aldrich, Mary A. Batley, Emeline W.  
 Tuttle, and Oscar J. Morse were appointed  
 our representatives to the approaching

Quarterly meeting on Ministry and  
 Oversight to be held in Worcester.  
 The representatives to the last one reported  
 they were all in attendance thereof.  
 The subject of holding the Quarterly  
 meeting on Ministry <sup>and Oversight</sup> in the morning  
 preceding the Quarterly meeting was  
 brought to our attention, and the united  
 feeling of the present was that there were  
 decided objections to the change.  
 (C. Fay) Sarah Osborn Clerk

Smithfield Preparative Meeting on  
 Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 30<sup>th</sup>  
 1902. The queries were read at this time  
 and considered. No business presented to  
 claim the attention of the meeting.  
 We chose our friends, William Eldrick,  
 James S. Read, Mary A. Patty and  
 Emeline H. Tuttle our representatives to the  
 Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight

in  
 for minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1902 see page 4.



who are requested to attend to their  
appointment and report to our next  
meeting

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Sarah Osborn Clerk,

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends  
to be held of <sup>the</sup> Mo 31<sup>st</sup>

Dear Friends:

A request for membership  
in our religious Society was presented to  
this meeting on behalf of Mabel A.  
Thayer accompanied by a certificate  
from the First Baptist Church of  
Woonsocket of which she has been a  
member several years. After careful  
consideration it was accepted and  
forwarded to you for your action.

From the minutes of the preparative  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
held of <sup>the</sup> Mo 31<sup>st</sup> 1902

Sarah Osborn  
Clerk

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Smithfield Preparation meeting on  
 Ministry and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 25.  
 1902. The queries were read which awakened  
 serious thought as to how far we are living  
 in the spirit which these rightly observed  
 should lead us into. The minutes of our  
 last meeting were read. Our friends  
 James S. Read - Hannah J. Hoag - Mary  
 A. Batty and William Aldrich were  
 appointed our representatives to the Quarterly  
 Meeting on Ministry and Oversight and  
 they are requested to attend to their appointment  
 and report to our next meeting.

Sarah Orson Clerk,

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At a special meeting of Smithfield  
 monthly meeting on Ministry and  
 Oversight held 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1902. James S.  
 Read was appointed clerk to fill the  
 vacancy caused by the death of our  
 friend, Sarah Orson. Merrick F. Walling  
 and Hannah J. Hoag were appointed a



Committee to Co-operate with the Committee of the monthly meeting in nominating members as Elders to the next Monthly meeting. We received at this time the request of Mary J. Smith to become a member of our Society. After careful consideration, we recommend to the Monthly meeting that she be received into membership with us.

J. S. Read Clerk

At Smithfield Preparative meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo 30<sup>th</sup> 1902. The clerk being absent, Geo F. Barney is appointed clerk for the day. The minutes of the last meeting have been read. We received at this time a communication from Elizabeth Johnston requesting membership in our religious Society. After careful consideration we recommend to the Monthly meeting her acceptance as a member of our Society.

We appoint Mary A. Patty - Sylvester  
S. Aldrich - Wm. Aldrich and Anna  
W. Aldrich our representatives to the  
next Quarterly meeting on Ministry and  
Oversight. - Geo. F. Barry clerk for this day.

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At Smithfield Monthly meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight held 1-29-1903  
The queries were read at this time, also  
the minutes of the last meeting. We  
appoint Emily W. Tuttle - Geo. F. Barry  
and Hannah J. Mowry our representatives  
to the next Quarterly meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight. who are requested to attend  
to their appointment and report to our next  
meeting. The representatives to our last  
meeting report they all attended.

J. S. Pease  
Clerk



At Smithfield monthly meeting on  
 Ministry and Oversight held at the  
 home of Mary A. Petty 4<sup>th</sup> mo 29<sup>th</sup> 1903 -  
 The guests were read at this time,  
 and the report of the last meeting.  
 Hannah J. Mowry was appointed to  
 present to the next meeting a verbal  
 report of the spiritual condition and  
 life of the congregation as required  
 by Chapter 12 Sec 2 of the Discipline.  
 The following report of the condition  
 of the meeting as required by Chapter  
 12 Sec 6<sup>th</sup> of the Discipline, was read  
 and directed to be forwarded to the  
 Quarterly meeting on Ministry and  
 Oversight next to be held at Worcester.  
 "As we look over the membership  
 of our meeting, and try to ascertain  
 its spiritual condition we believe there  
 is a healthy growth in spiritual  
 life, as indicated by an enlarged  
 attendance at our First-day meeting

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and a deep spiritual concern for  
the building up of the Church. Family  
Devotions are encouraged, and we think  
most of our members are in the habit  
of reading and praying in their families.

A very good degree of Christian fellowship  
and unity exists and as far as affairs we  
are united in our Christian work. Our  
mid-week meetings have been held  
regularly, and those who are able to  
attend, often feel refreshed and strengthened  
thereby. The Christian Endeavor meeting  
has during the year maintained a steady  
growth in numbers, and we trust in  
spiritual life also. This we consider one of  
the most important branches of our work,  
and we bespeak for it the united  
prayers of the Church." We appoint Wm.  
Addick - Hannah S. Henry - Caroline K.  
Futth - and Mary A. Batty our representatives  
to the next meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
and they are requested to attend to their appoi-  
ntment and report to the next meeting.



The representatives to the last Quarterly meeting in Ministry and Oversight reported they did not attend.

J. S. Read Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly meeting in Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Mary A. Gatty J. S. Read 29-1903. The papers were read, also the records of the last meeting. Hannah J. Keown made a verbal report of the condition of the meeting which was satisfactory to those who were present. The spiritual condition and life of the meeting as reported last quarter is well maintained. An appointment - Emma Aldrich and Merick Walling a committee to cooperate with a committee of the monthly meeting to present to our monthly meeting the names of two suitable names to serve the meeting.



as elders for the term of three years  
 from the expiration of the term of  
 A. B. Steen and James S. Reed.  
 The matter of changing the house  
 of holding the Quarterly meeting  
 in Ministry and Oversight was  
 discussed without reaching any  
 conclusion. We appointed Messrs  
 A. Gatty - Wm. Adrich and Jennie  
 Allyn our representatives to the next  
 Quarterly meeting of Ministry and Oversight  
 not to be held in Boulton. They are  
 requested to attend to their appointment  
 and report to our next meeting.  
 The representatives to our last meeting  
 report they attended except two.  
 J. S. Reed  
 Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight, held at the  
home of Mary A. Gatty 10<sup>th</sup> mo 29<sup>th</sup>  
1903 - The queries were read, also the  
records of the last meeting.

There is nothing new to report  
as to the spiritual condition and  
life of the meeting at this time.

We appoint, Anna W. Aldrich,  
Merrick Walling, and Alice R.  
Cranston, our representatives to the  
next quarterly meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight, to be held at Woodstock.  
They are requested to attend to their  
appointment, and report to our next  
meeting. The representatives to the last  
meeting report they all attended but  
one.

J. S. Reed  
Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting on  
 Ministry and Oversight held at the  
 home of Mary A. Gatty 1<sup>st</sup> mo 28<sup>th</sup> 1904.  
 The queries were read, also the minutes  
 of the last meeting. We have received  
 into membership by letter two members since  
 the last meeting. We appoint Anna D.  
 Aldrich, Geo. F. Harvey, and Hannah J.  
 Young our representatives to the Quarterly  
 meeting on Ministry and Oversight next  
 to be held at Worcester. They are requested to  
 attend to their appointment, and report  
 to our next meeting. The representatives to  
 the last quarterly meeting report they all  
 attended to their appointment.

J. S. Reed Clerk



At Smithfield Monthly meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the meeting house 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 1904. The records were read and the minutes of the last meeting. We appointed Mary A. Pally - Elsie B. Gannon - Emeline H. Fuller and Jennie Pally our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting report one attended.

We believe the spiritual condition of our meeting the last quarter has been maintained. The attendance at our meeting on First day, has been somewhat smaller than usual, partly owing to the severe winter weather. The mid-week meetings have been

regularly held, only a few women  
 friends attending. The interest in  
 the endeavor society is well maintained.  
 The meeting are well attended and  
 are very interesting. Our friend  
 Emeline H. Tuttle informed this  
 meeting that she had a concern to  
 attend the approaching meetings  
 of Iowa and Kansas Yearly meetings  
 and some of the subordinate meetings  
 within their limits, also as way may  
 open to visit some of the meetings  
 belonging to Indiana and Western  
 Yearly Meetings, which she will bring  
 before the monthly meeting.

J. S. Mead  
 Clerk



At Smithfield Monthly meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> mo  
27<sup>th</sup> 1904 at the home of Mary A. Butler  
the report of the last meeting, and  
the queries were read. We appoint  
as representatives to the next Quarterly  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
to be held at Bolton, - Mary A. Butler,  
Geo. T. Barney, Jennie A. Byrne, and  
James S. Read. They are requested to  
attend to their appointment and  
report to our next meeting.

The representatives to our last  
Quarterly meeting on Ministry and  
Oversight report our attendance.

There is nothing new to report as to  
the condition of our meeting since  
our last report. Our friend in the  
ministry, Emeline H. Tuttle having  
removed from our meeting, we are  
at present without a recorded minister.

We greatly feel the need of one to  
settle among us.

We appoint J. S. Read, and  
 Hannah J. Morry, a committee  
 to co-operate with a committee  
 to be appointed by the monthly  
 meeting to present to the monthly  
 meeting the names of two suitable  
 persons to serve the meetings as elders  
 for the term of three years from their  
 appointment, in place of Leander  
 Fisher and Mary A. Patten, whose  
 term will soon expire!

J. S. Read Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly meeting  
 on Ministry and Oversight held 19<sup>th</sup>  
 the 27<sup>th</sup> 1904 at the home of Mary A.  
 Patten, the report of the last meeting  
 and the queries were read. We appoint  
 as representatives to the next <sup>monthly</sup> meeting  
 on Ministry and Oversight to be held  
 in Woodstock, Hannah J. Morry,



Geo. H. Varney, and Alice H. Cranston  
who are requested to attend to their  
appointment and report to our  
next meeting. The representatives

to the last meeting report two attended.  
We believe the spiritual condition  
of our meeting is deepening and  
interest increasing. The Committee  
appointed at our last meeting, with  
a committee appointed by the  
Monthly Meeting are agreed in  
proposing the names of Mary A.  
Batty and Leander Fisher for  
the station of elders for the term of  
three years

J. S. Read Clerk

At the Local meeting in Ministry  
and Oversight held at the home of  
Mary Batty 1<sup>st</sup> mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1915. The report  
of the last meeting was read and  
approved, Also the queries were read.

We appoint as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester Anna M. Aldrich, Jennie Allen and Sylvester S. Aldrich, who are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report, two attended. We believe the spiritual condition of our meeting has been well maintained since our last report.

J. S. Pease Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Mary A. Patty 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1900, the queries and the minutes of the last meeting were read. We appoint Alice M. Cranston, Hannah J. Moray, Geo. F. Barney, Sylvester S. Aldrich, Mary A. Patty, J. S. Pease and Land



Fisher, our representative, to the next Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Woonsocket 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 18<sup>th</sup> They are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting. The representatives to the last meeting report they all attended.

We believe, that in the requirements of the discipline, Chapter 12 Sec 8 as to the Spiritual Condition of the membership of our meeting, the attendance upon public worship and the other requirements of Sec 8, there has been some improvement the past year.

J. S. Read Sec

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At Smithfield local meeting of  
Ministry and Oversight held at  
the home of Mary A. Batty 7<sup>th</sup> mo  
26<sup>th</sup> 1905. The minutes of the last  
meeting were read, also the journal.

We appoint Mary A. Batty,  
Anna K. Aldrich, Sylvester S. Adams,  
Leander Fisher, and Merrick F. Walling  
our representatives to attend the Quarterly  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
next to be held at Bolton on 8<sup>th</sup> 9. 1905  
and report their attendance at our  
next meeting.

Alice R. Cranston.  
(Clerk for the day.)

At a special meeting of the  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 6<sup>th</sup> 1905 at the home of  
Mary A. Batty, the minutes of the last  
meeting were read. We appoint  
Anna K. Aldrich and Alice R. Cranston



A Committee of this meeting to co-operate with a committee appointed by the Monthly meeting in nominating to the Monthly Meeting the names of two suitable persons to serve the Meeting as elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

J. S. Read

Clerk

At the Local meeting or Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Mary A. Patty 10<sup>th</sup> mo 26<sup>th</sup> 1905. The records of the last meeting were approved and the queries were read. We appoint as our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting or Ministry and Oversight to be held at Wainsocket, J. S. Read, Mary A. Patty, Anna H. Aldrich and Anna R. Cranston who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

The representatives to the last meeting  
report one attended. The committee  
appointed at our last meeting to confer  
with a committee appointed by the  
monthly meeting, report they are agreed  
in proposing the names of Henry C.  
Pabcock and Jennie Allyn for the  
station of elders for the term of three  
years from the time of their appointment.  
Leander Fisher, a member of this  
meeting having for some time given  
satisfactory evidence of possessing a  
special gift in the ministry, we believe  
the time has come, when said gift  
should be recognized, and that he be  
duly received a minister of the gospel.  
The clerk is hereby directed to forward  
our conclusion in the matter to the next  
session of the quarterly meeting in ministry  
and oversight, that the meeting may  
move in the matter according to the  
requirements of the discipline.



We have nothing new to report as to  
 the spiritual condition of our meeting  
 except the Endeavour Society at their  
 request, have been granted by the  
 Monthly Meeting, greater liberty in  
 our Fast day morning meetings,  
 especially in the early part of the  
 meeting, and we sincerely hope  
 their services may prove helpful  
 to us all  
 J. S. Neal  
 Clerk

At the local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1846.  
 at the home of Mary A. Patty, the  
 records of the last meeting were read,  
 also the queries. We appeared as our  
 representatives to the next Quarterly  
 meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
 to be held at Wakester 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Jacob M. Hudd, Hannah J. Mowry,  
 and Henry C. Gabcock, who are requested

to attend to their appointment  
and report to our next meeting.  
The representations to our last  
meeting report, they all attended.

" Gladness of heart should be ours  
in reporting to you the spiritual  
condition <sup>from</sup> meeting - There is among  
us good evidence of a deepening  
of Christian character, fellowship,  
and service. A strong desire to  
individual faithfulness in the  
performance of every duty, a longing  
for a greater knowledge of God  
and his blessed word. Our meetings  
are generally well attended, and  
the presence and help of the Holy  
Spirit has been felt. The spiritual  
needs of the meeting have been prayer-  
-fully considered and the Word  
presented in humility and weakness.  
yet mixed with faith to believe  
that our God will supply all our  
needs according to his riches in glory



by Christ Jesus. A course of Bible  
 Reading for the winter months has  
 been taken up, and much interest  
 manifested. Our prayer to God for  
 Israel is, that we may continue  
 to grow in grace and in the knowledge  
 of our <sup>Lord and</sup> Saviour Jesus Christ. Our motto  
 in all our Christian service must  
 be, "Freely ye have received, freely  
 give" Our mission must be the  
 glory of God, and the salvation of  
 our race. Our incentive, the love of  
 God shed abroad in our hearts.

We trust the Master's blessing may  
 be so abundant, that the past as  
 well as the present may be only foreshadow  
 of what is in store for us by his grace  
 in the future.

J. S. Read  
 Clerk

At the local meeting in Ministry and Oversight, held 4<sup>th</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1906 at the home of Mary A. Batty, the Queries, and the records of the last meeting were read - We appoint as our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting in Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 5<sup>th</sup> mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1906

Miss R. Cranston, Mary A. Batty, Hannah J. Mow, and Henry Babcock, who are requested to attend to their appointment, and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report they all attended.

The following report of the "Spiritual condition and life of the congregation" we forward to the <sup>Quarterly</sup> meeting in Ministry and Oversight, also to the Monthly meeting as required by the discipline.

There appears to be an earnest desire to live righteous lives - Parents endeavor to bring up their children in the



nurture and admonition of the Lord.  
 Christian love is manifested among  
 us. The noble effort of our teachers in  
 the Bible school to interest the children  
 in spiritual things, has been very  
 successful. There is an upward  
 tendency in our spiritual life.

J. S. Pease  
 Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held at the home of  
 Mary A. Batty of <sup>the</sup> Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1946 -  
 The minutes of the last meeting and  
 Letters were read - We appoint as  
 our representatives to the next Quarterly  
 Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to  
 be held at Bolton, Mary A. Batty,  
 Sarah M. Shedd, and Henry Babcock,  
 who are requested to attend at their  
 appointment, and report to our next  
 meeting. The representatives to our

last meeting report, one attended.  
 We appoint Hannah J. Mowry,  
 and Mary A. Batty a committee of  
 this meeting, to co-operate with a  
 committee to be appointed by the  
 monthly meeting in nominating to  
 the monthly meeting, the names of  
 two suitable friends, to serve the  
 meeting as elders for the term of three  
 years from the time of their appointment.  
 The spiritual condition and life  
 of the meeting we believe has been  
 maintained.

J. S. Read  
 Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1906  
 at the home of Mary A. Batty, the  
 records and the minutes of the last  
 meeting were read, Also the queries.  
 We appoint as our representatives  
 to the next Quarterly meeting on



Ministry and Oversight to be held  
 in Woonsocket, James S. Read  
 Alice N. Cranston and Mary A.  
 Batty, who are requested to attend  
 to their appointment and report  
 to our next meeting. The representatives  
 to our last meeting, report two attended.  
 The committee appointed at our  
 last meeting, to confer with a  
 committee appointed by the  
 Monthly meeting, report, they are  
 united in recommending that  
 James S. Read be reappointed, and  
 that Dorcas W. Babcock be appointed  
 to the station of elder for the ensuing  
 term of three years, the latter in place  
 of Amos B. Allen deceased.

J. S. Read  
 clerk

At a special meeting of the meeting  
on Monday and Overight held at  
the meeting house 12<sup>th</sup> mo 23<sup>d</sup> 1906.

We have received at this time a  
communication from Louise Edwards  
requesting membership in our Society.

We appoint Mary A. Batty and Hannah  
J. Hoag a committee to visit her and  
to report to an adjourned meeting to  
be held at the home of Mary A. Batty  
12<sup>th</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1906.

J. S. Read Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1906. Met according to  
adjournment at the home of Mary  
A. Batty. The Committee appointed  
at our last meeting to visit Louise  
Edwards report they have attended  
to their appointment, and that they  
are in favor of forwarding her name  
for membership to the Monthly meeting  
for its consideration. After careful



consideration, we recommend to the  
 Monthly meeting that her request  
 be granted and that she be  
 received into membership with  
 us. We have also received a  
 request from Jennie Arnold  
 to be received into membership  
 with us, and we appoint Sarah  
 H. Shedd and Alice R. Cronston  
<sup>a committee</sup>  
 to visit her and report at our  
 next meeting

J. S. Read Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 31<sup>st</sup> 1907,  
 at the meeting house, the minutes  
 of the last meeting were read and  
 the queries. We appoint as our  
 representatives to the next quarterly  
 meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
 next to be held at Worcester, Miss  
 R. Cronston, Sarah Harber Shedd

Henry Babcock and James S. Reak, who are requested to attend to their appointment if the way opens and report to our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report they all attended. The Committee appointed at our last meeting to visit Jennie G. Arnold report. They have attended to the duties of their appointment, and recommend her request for membership be forwarded to the monthly meeting with our approval.

J. S. Reak Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Month 24<sup>th</sup> 1907 at the home of Mary A. Batty the minutes of the last meeting were read, also the queries. We appoint as our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight, next to



be held at Götter - Mary A. Batty,  
Leander Fisher - and Jennie Allen  
who are requested to call to their  
appointment if way opens and  
report to our next meeting.

The representatives to our last  
Quarterly meeting in Ministry and  
Oversight report none attended.

In making our Annual  
report of the Spiritual Condition  
of our Church and Congregation,  
we feel greatly encouraged in the  
work because of the brotherly love  
and co-operation of our workers.

We are pleased to report such a  
manifest interest among our young  
people, and especially our young  
girls, many of whom have taken a  
definite stand for the master and have  
become a beautiful band of helpers.

Our First-day morning meetings have  
been very well attended during the

white months, and a spirit of co-operation and worship manifested.

The word has been preached under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and has been received in love, and God has blessed it to hearts.

Our friends have united with the Church, and others have been strengthened in their most Holy Faith.

We unite in praising Him who is our life and our light - for the presence and manifestations of His Spirit which always enricheth, and addeth no sorrow.

J. S. Head  
Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 24<sup>th</sup> 1907 at the home of Mary A. Batty, the records of the last meeting and the queries were read. We appointed as our



representatives to the next quarterly meeting in Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> mo 7<sup>th</sup>. Mary A. Patten Henry Babcock James S. Read and Susan Babcock, who are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report to our next meeting.

The representatives to the last meeting report, one attended.

We appoint James S. Read and Alice R. Brewster a committee of this meeting to co-operate with a committee of three to be appointed by the monthly meeting to present to the monthly meeting the names of two suitable friends to serve the meeting as elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

The spiritual life and condition of our meeting remain about the same as at our last report J. S. Read

At the Local meeting in Ministry and Oversight held <sup>on</sup> Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1907 at the home of Mary A. Batty, the records of the last meeting and the queries were read. We appointed as our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting in Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket Mary J. Smith, Sarah M. Shedd, Jennie Cellyne, Bertha B. Morse and Mary A. Batty who are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report to our next meeting. The representatives to the last meeting report they all attended. The Committee appointed at our last meeting to co-operate with a Committee of three appointed by the monthly meeting to present to the Monthly meeting the name of a suitable friend to serve the meeting as Elder for the term of three years from the time of appointment, would



report they are united in recommending the reappointment of Mary a Bally to that position. We have received at this time a request from Abigail Aldrich, Bertha E. Aldrich and Emma M. Almy to become members of our Society also Emma M. Almy requests that her <sup>minor</sup> daughter be received as an associate member which after due consideration we are united in forwarding their names to the Monthly Meeting for its approval.

The spiritual condition of our Church and congregation we feel grateful to report are most hopeful and encouraging. Our First day morning meetings have been more fully attended and a much greater interest taken in them than usual. Several have requested membership with us both from among the young and older people, truly as plants



planted, and Asphollos watered  
 God is giving us the increase.

There is a strong bond of brotherly  
 love and unity among us, which  
 with the presence and power of  
 the Holy Spirit will, we believe  
 bring to us yet greater blessings.

So trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ  
 for help we purpose to go forward  
 in his blessed service conquering  
 and to conquer.

J. S. Neal Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held at Henry A. Petty  
 First month 22<sup>nd</sup> 1908, the minutes of  
 the last meeting were read. In the  
 absence of James S. Neal, our  
 regular clerk, Leander Fisher was  
 chosen clerk for the day. Representatives  
 to our last meeting on Ministry and  
 Oversight report they all attended.

We appoint as our representatives  
to attend our next Quarterly meeting  
on Ministry and Oversight, to be  
held at Worcester second month  
12<sup>th</sup> 1908, Hannah J. May, Jennie  
Clegg, Henry Babcock, and Susan  
Babcock, who are requested to  
attend to their appointment and  
Report to our next meeting. The  
Spiritual condition of our church  
and congregation is about the same  
as reported last year.

Lyndon Foster Pro Tem  
Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight held at the home of  
Mary A. Getty 4<sup>th</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup> 1908. The  
records and the report of the last meeting  
were read. We appoint as our repre-  
sentatives to the next meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight to be held at Worcester  
next month, Hiram A. Brewster, Pro Tem

Fisher, Deas Babcock, Mary J. Smith, and Mary A. Batty. who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report two attended. Hannah T. Hony and James S. Reese were appointed to <sup>procure</sup> a minister to attend the coming - quarterly meeting. In reporting again to you the spiritual condition of our church, we are very glad to report that a steady and healthy growth seems to characterize our meeting. All our meetings are well attended. Harmony and brotherly love pervade our church services throughout. While we cannot report any additions to our number, there are quite a number who are sincerely considering such a step toward us.

The young people and children of the church, have of late manifested quite a new interest. One meeting has been



held with the children, and others  
 are planned for them and the young  
 people. These meetings have been held  
 will yet be <sup>1<sup>st</sup> of Christmas</sup> for the young as well  
 as to the older ones, and will we believe  
 bring forth good fruit to the praise of  
 him who said Suffer little children to  
 come unto me and forbid them, not  
 for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

J. S. Shedd  
 Clerk

At the local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held at the home of  
 Mary A. Batty 7<sup>th</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup> 1918, the  
 Minutes and the report of the last  
 meeting were read. We appointed as  
 our representatives to the Quarterly meeting  
 on Ministry and Oversight next to be  
 held at Bolton, Mary A. Batty, Sarah  
 M. Shedd, Henry Faberok, Anna R.  
 Cranston and James S. Shedd who

are requested to attend to their appointment  
if way opens and report at our next  
meeting. The representatives to our last  
meeting report three attended.

J. S. Read Clerk

At the local meeting in Ministry  
and Oversight held Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1908 at  
the home of Alice R. and Anna R.  
Crawston, the queries and the records  
of the last meeting were read.

We appoint as our representatives to  
the Quarterly Meeting in Ministry and  
Oversight to be held at Woonsocket  
next month May J. Smith, Henry  
C. Babcock Bertha C. Morse and  
James S. Read who are requested to  
attend to their appointment if way opens  
and report to our next meeting. The  
representatives to our last meeting report  
three attended. We appoint Bertha C.  
Morse and Sarah M. Shedd a committee

from this meeting to co-operate with a  
 committee of three appointed by the  
 Monthly Meeting to present to the  
 Monthly Meeting the names of suitable  
 friends to serve the meeting as elders.  
 We have nothing new to report on the  
 spiritual life and condition of our  
 meeting at this time

J. S. Read. Clerk

At the Local meeting in Ministry  
 and Oversight held at the home of  
 Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston Jan  
 27<sup>th</sup> 1909. The minutes of the last meeting  
 were read, and the queries. We appoint  
 as our representatives to attend the  
 coming Yearly Meeting in Ministry,  
 to be held at Worcester next month,  
 Hannah J. Brown, Bertha V. Hart  
 Henry C. Babcock, and Sarah M. Shedd  
 they are requested to stand to their  
 appointment if way opens and report



at our next meeting. The representatives to the last meeting report they all attended. The Committee appointed at our last meeting to co-operate with a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present the names of suitable friends to serve the meeting as elders report they attended to their appointment. The spiritual condition and life of our meeting is about the same as at our last report.

J. S. Bear Clerk

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Alice R. and Anne R. Cranston on 21<sup>st</sup> 1909, the minutes and the report of the last meeting were read. We appointed as our representatives to the next meeting on Ministry to be held at Worcester Mary J. Smith, Sarah H. Shedd, Hannah J. Mowry and

Jessie Allen who are requested to attend to their appointments if away from, and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report only one attended owing to very stormy weather.

During the last quarter, we have maintained our numbers. While none of our members have passed away, yet we have been grief stricken by the departure of some Christian souls with whom we have been long associated.

The spiritual welfare of the meeting is good. A valuable feature of our meeting, for worship - First days, is a very short sermon addressed to the children during the early part of the meeting. There is an increasing attendance of little children who come unattended, whose parents have no religious affiliations.



At the Local meeting on  
Ministry and Oversight held  
at the home of Alice B. and  
Anna H. Cranston 7<sup>th</sup> mo 28<sup>th</sup>  
1909. the queries and the report  
of the last meeting were read.

We appointed as our representatives  
to the Quarterly meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight next to be held at  
Golden Henry C. Babcock, and  
Leander Fisher, who are requested  
to attend to their appointment if way  
opens and report to our next meeting.  
The reports relative to our last meeting  
several attended.

J. S. Read Clerk

At a special meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight held at the meeting house  
prior to the quarterly meeting Hannah  
J. Henry and Anna H. Cranston  
were appointed a committee from this



meeting to co-operate with a committee of three appointed by the monthly meeting to present to the monthly meeting the names of two suitable friends to serve the meeting as elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.  
 9<sup>th</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1909 - J. S. Read Clerk

At the Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1909 at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston, the queries and the records of the last meeting were read. We appoint as our representatives to the quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket next month, Dorcas H. Babcock, Mary J. Smith, Sarah H. Shedd, James S. Read and Henry Babcock, who are requested to attend to their appointment of any queries, and report to our next meeting.

The representatives to our last  
meeting report, one attended  
J. S. Read Clerk

At the Local meeting in Ministry  
and Oversight held 11th mo 1910!  
at the home of Alice R. and Anne  
Cranton the minutes of the last  
meeting were read, and also the  
queries - We appoint as our repres-  
entatives to attend the coming  
Quarterly meeting in Ministry and  
Oversight next to be held at  
Worcester, Jennie Allyn, Susan  
H. Babcock and Hannah J.  
Murray. They are requested to attend  
to their appointment if way opens,  
and report at our next meeting.  
The representatives to the last meeting  
report three attended. At the request  
of James S. Read, Susan H. Babcock  
was appointed clerk.

J. S. Read Clerk



At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1910 at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the queries.

We appoint as our representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Bolton, Dorcas H. Babcock, Alice R. Cranston & Anna R. Cranston. They are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report at our next meeting.

There has been a small decrease in attendance at First-day meetings especially during the last quarter. We believe that each individual member desires to do that which is right although their interest in the First-day meetings has not been well sustained.

The interest in the Sabbath School

Grace Wagner requests to become  
 a member of church & in the



and the attendance is good. Invite a number of the children attend the meeting for worship.

Darcas H. Babcock  
Clerk.

At a special meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the Meeting house 6<sup>th</sup> Mo. 19<sup>th</sup> 1910 to consider the proposal of the Yearly Meetings Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee as submitted by John Metcalfe the representative of our Quarterly Meeting upon said committee to furnish a Christian worker to labor among us for a period of ten weeks. It was deemed advisable to accept the proposition and our clerk is directed to transmit to the clerk of the Monthly Meeting at its next session a copy of this minute.

D. H. Babcock Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 27<sup>th</sup> 1916 at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the queries.

The appoint-Mary J. Smith, Henry E. Babcock and Jenny Allgood as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Bolton and they are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report at our next meeting.

The representatives appointed at our last meeting report that none attended.

The appoint-Sarah M. Shedd and Alice R. Cranston a committee from this meeting to co-operate with a committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present to the

Monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons to serve the meeting as Elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

The appoint-Mary J. Smith to present to our next meeting a verbal report of the spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in tenth month.

D. H. Babcock Clerk.

At a special Meeting on Ministry and Oversight-held 9<sup>th</sup> Mo 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Alice and Anna R. Cranston.

Having received the following applications for memberships with our Society - one from Lila J. Smith



And one from Agnes H. Smith who also asks that her three minor children Maurice Richmond, Ernest-Leslie and Rachel Minerva Smith may be enrolled as Associate members. The Pastoral Committee as a whole recommend these persons to be admitted to membership with us. This communication to be sent to the Monthly Meeting for their approval.  
D. H. Babcock. Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1910 at the home of Alice R. & Anna R. Cranston. The records of the last meeting have been read also the queries have been read at this time.

We appoint as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight to be held at Woonsocket the ninth of next month, Alice R. Cranston, Hannah Mary



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At a special Meeting on  
Ministry and Overnight  
held 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1910 at  
the home of Alice and Anna  
R. Cranston.

Having received the following  
applications for membership in  
our Society, one from Lila J.  
Smith and one from Agnes  
H. Smith who also asks  
that her three minor children  
Maurice Richmond, Ernest  
Leslie, and Rachel Minerva  
Smith may be enrolled  
as Associate members.







and Henry E. Babcock who are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report that one attended. Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in first month 1911.

Dorcas H. Babcock, Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 25-1911 The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the Minutes. The appoint Jennie Allyn and Hannah S. Mowry as our Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry + Oversight to be held at Worcester the 8<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. and they are requested to attend to their appointment if may open and report at our



next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report they all attended.

The following report of the spiritual condition of the meeting has been received.

As near as we can judge there is not much change in the spiritual condition of the congregation.

The average attendance at morning meeting is about 40.

There has been a better attendance of some of the young people. There is quite a large Christian Endeavor Society. A good many children attend. No more take active part than a few months ago unless they are requested to prepare something for the occasion. Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. next.

D. H. Babcock Clerk

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight - held at Woonsocket - 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 26 - 1911.

In the absence of the Clerk Sarah Marble Shedd was appointed Clerk for the day.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight are as follows: - Bertha V. Morse, Jennie. Allyn, Sarah Marble Shedd, Anna R. Cranston, James S. Read; they are requested to attend to their appointment - and report at our next meeting.

Requests for membership in our Religious Society have been received from Emma Pine Farr, Kellie M. Fisher, Lena Brindle, Crystal Searle and Frank H. Godwin. After consideration, the meeting is united in forwarding these names to the Quarterly Meeting.

gladly recommending these young people to membership in our Religious Society.

The meeting adjourns to 7<sup>th</sup> day 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 29-1911, at 2.30 o'clock.

Sarah Marble Shedd  
Clerk for the day.

Seventh day 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 29-1911.  
Met according to adjournment.  
An account of the condition of the meeting has been received and approved and is as follows;

In the return of this the annual period to tender a report of the spiritual condition of our local meeting, we cast a retrospective glance over the interest of the past-year with both regret & gladness—regret that the accomplishment is no greater, gladness that some gain had been made.



Our work may well be classified under five heads, Meetings for worship, Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Round Table, Mission.

The meetings for worship are not largely attended, the average being about 44, but the members where conditions have not prohibited have been fairly faithful in their attendance. The spirit of friendly worship prevails in our meetings.

Prayer and testimony are not as often heard from the body as we could wish.

The Bible School enjoys the hearty support of its officers, teachers and pupils, whose interest has increased the attendance of our Bible School nearly a third the past year.

One of the most encouraging features of the work is that of the Christian Endeavor, the attendance

of which has about-equalled that of the meeting for worship. Most of such attenders are young people, some of whom are members of other churches. A degree of spiritual earnestness & freedom in worship is manifest unusual in meetings of this kind and thus far interest is growing.

The missionary interest of the meeting is not alone confined to the auxiliary but reaches into the Bible School and Christian Endeavor as well. Creditable work has been done in the Home as well as the Foreign field. Since about the middle of July a small number of those interested in the work mostly young people have met weekly in the study of Isaiah. We consider the work accomplished in this way to be of substantial value, which may be attested by the fact that five

out of the group have requested  
memberships in the meeting.

The total gain for the year is  
seven active and three associate  
members.

Sarah Marble Shedd.  
Clerk for the day.

At the local meeting on Ministry and  
Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 26<sup>th</sup> 1911 at the  
home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting  
were read and also the queries.

The appoint Jennie Allen, Bertha V.  
Morse and Mary J. Smith as our  
representatives to the Quarterly  
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
next to be held at Bolton and they  
are requested to attend to their  
appointment if way opens and report  
at our next meeting.

The representatives appointed at our



Last meeting report - that with one exception they attended to their appointment. The appoint Anna B. Cranston and Sarah Marble Shedd a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve ~~the meeting~~ as Elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

The appoint Mary J. Smith to present at our next meeting a verbal report of the spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

Sarah Marble Shedd  
Clerk for the day.

At a special meeting on Ministry and Oversight - held 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1911. to consider the matter of calling a new pastor. A letter was read from Thomas Wood, Supt of Evangelists

work recommending Harry R. Hole of Leesburg Ohio to act as pastor in our meeting. The clerk was directed to correspond with him which resulted in securing him as our minister for the coming year.

D. H. Babcock Clerk.

At the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1911. The records of the last meeting have been read - also the Series.

We appoint Anna R. Cranston, Sarah M. Shedd, Dorcas H. Babcock James S. Read, Harry R. Hole and Henry C. Babcock, as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Honesocket - 11<sup>th</sup> Mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1911

and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that some attended.

The spiritual condition of the meeting is very encouraging. Everyone seems interested.

Loréal H. Babcock  
Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 24-1912. The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the Queries. We appoint Harry B. Hole, Mary J. Smith, Henry E. Babcock and Bertha V. Morse as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 7<sup>th</sup> and they are requested to



attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report all attended.

The following report of the spiritual condition of the meeting has been prepared.

There has been an increase in attendance of meetings on first-day and an efficient Ministry to meet the needs of the congregation.

The Bible school is well attended and the work is carried on with much earnestness. As an help to the school, a Teachers Training class has been organised which meets one evening each week.

There is also a well attended Christian Endeavor Society.

Darcas H. Babcock

Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry  
 & Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1912.  
 at the home of Alice & Anna Cranston.  
 The minutes of the last meeting  
 have been read - also the queries.  
 We appoint Harry R. Cole, Jerry  
 Cline, Herbert P. Morse and Mary  
 J. Smith as our representatives  
 to attend the Quarterly Meeting  
 on Ministry & Oversight to be held  
 at Worcester 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 8<sup>th</sup> & they  
 are requested to attend to their  
 appointment if they appear &  
 report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last  
 meeting report that all attended  
 but one.

This meeting has received  
 at this time a request from  
 Minnie H. Robbins that her two  
 minor children, Dora and Earle  
 Robbins may be enrolled as

associate members, Also a request from Agnes H. Smith that her four minor children Laura, Chester, Raymond and Lauriston Smith may be enrolled as associate members in our Society. The Pastoral Committee recommend that their request be granted. This communication to be sent to the Monthly Meeting for their approval.

The following report of the spiritual condition, of the meeting has been prepared.

The attendance of meetings for public worship has been well kept up in face of much sickness and the extreme cold weather of the past winter. We are glad to again report an efficient ministry adapted



to the needs of the meeting.  
 For the past few months there have  
 been the following auxiliary societies  
 formed for promoting the social  
 and spiritual welfare of the  
 meeting and community: -

A Junior C. Endeavor for children.  
 Junior Brotherhood for boys.

The Elizabeth Circle for young  
 women, also arrangements are  
 being made to bring the men  
 of the community together  
 for mutual pleasure & profit.

There is a good degree of interest  
 in the C. Endeavor meetings.

The Teacher Training Class meets  
 weekly in preparation for more  
 efficient Bible school work.

Eight new members have been added  
 to the Bible school this month.

Signed on behalf of the Pastoral  
 Committee,

Oscar H. Babcock Clerk.

A special meeting of Ministry & Oversight was held at the close of first-day meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Mo. 19<sup>th</sup> 1912. No decision was made at the time.

A special meeting of Ministry & Oversight held 6<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912. To consider the Pastoral question. The expression of the meeting is that they are altogether satisfied with the spiritual labor Harry R. Hole has been able to accomplish since being here and we recommend that the Monthly Meeting secure him for a longer time after the expiration of time for which arrangements were made in eighth month.

Dorcas H. Babcock  
Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1912 at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read also the queries.

We appoint Henry E. Babcock, Henry R. Hole and Jerry Allen as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight to be held at Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 7<sup>th</sup> 1912. and they are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report at our next meeting. The representatives appointed at our last meeting report only one attended.

We appoint Anna R. Cranston and Sarah M. Shedd a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present





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Local Meeting or Ministry  
held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1912  
at the home of Alice and  
Anna R. Granatow.

Requests from Maurice R.  
Smith and Ernest L. Smith  
that they be transferred  
from Associate to active  
membership.







At said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

This meeting has received at this time a request from Mary J. Smith that her minor child Albert E. Smith be enrolled as an associate member in the Society of Friends.

Also requests from Maurice R. Smith and Ernest A. Smith that they be transferred from Associate to active memberships. A request has been received from Helen L. France to be received into memberships with the Society of Friends. The Pastoral Committee recommend that their requests be granted. This communication to be sent to the Monthly Meeting for their approval.

One business for this time being

accomplished we conclude purposing  
to meet in tenth month next.

Dorcas H. Babcock Clerk

At a special meeting of the  
Pastoral Committee held at the  
meeting house Wrentham Oct-8-18-1912

In the absence of the clerk  
Arthur B. Fair is appointed clerk for  
the day. A communication is  
received from Thomas Wood, Yearly  
Meeting Superintendent of Evangelistic  
and Church Extension Work, trans-  
mitting references regarding  
William P. Kent of Nebraska.

After consideration it is decided  
to request Thomas Wood to further  
continue his investigation.

The matter of arranging for  
suitable persons to be with us on  
first days until a regular minister  
is secured was referred to the finance  
Committee for action. Arthur B. Fair  
Clerk for the day



At a special meeting of the  
 Pastoral Committee held at the  
 home of Alice R. and Anna R.  
 Chanston 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1912.

In accordance with a request  
 from this meeting Thomas Wood  
 Yearly Meeting Conf. of Evangelists  
 and Church Extension Work, has  
 corresponded with William J. Kent  
 of Nebraska and finds that it  
 may be possible to secure  
 him as Minister in this meeting.  
 After duly considering the  
 subject the Pastoral Committee  
 decided that it was for the  
 best interests of this meeting  
 that he come among us as  
 our resident Minister.

Doreas H. Babcock  
 Clerk.

At the local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 23<sup>d</sup> 1912.

The minutes of the last meetings have been read, also the Inquiries.

We appoint - Mary J. Smith, Anna R. Cranston, Dorcas H. Babcock, Henry E. Babcock and James S. Beady, as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight to be held at - Woonsocket 11<sup>th</sup> Mo 13<sup>th</sup> 1912 and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report all attended, but one.

We appoint - Mary J. Smith to present to our next meeting, a verbal report of the spiritual condition and life of the congregation.

The following is a report of the

state of Society.

The meetings for worship on Sabbath mornings have not been as fully attended by the younger people as <sup>we</sup> would be glad to see but those who do attend are interested in the service.

A good number of older people are constant in attendance.

Since our last report there has been a change of Ministers.

Harry R. Hole having resigned and William J. Kent of Nebraska having settled among us.

There has been one request to be received as a member of the Society of Friends also two of the associate members have requested to become active members and one requested to become an Associate member. There is a full attendance



at Bible School. The graded lessons are used with the younger classes. Christian Endeavour meetings are held each week.

Our business for this term being accomplished we conclude postponing to meet in first month 1913.

Dorcas H. Babcock Clerk.

At a Special Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1913. In the absence of the Clerk Sarah Marble Shedd was appointed Clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. We appoint Bertha V. Morse and Wm. J. Kent as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight to be held at Worcester 2-12-1913



The meetings have been very successful  
in all respects

I have been very much interested  
in all that has been going on  
and am sure you will be  
pleased to hear the results  
of all our work.

The young people provide  
social opportunities for  
young people who are interested  
and I hope







attend to

and they are requested to <sup>attend to</sup> their appointment as way may open and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last-meeting report that with one exception they all attended.

Mary J. Larnish appointed at our last-meeting to report on the spiritual condition of the meeting said she had been watching the people and that they had shown considerable activity helping others in need of help, that the young people and children had been interested to do this as well as the older ones. The importance of visiting families of members and attenders of the meeting and of those who do not attend any meeting, of showing our sympathy for the sick and of keeping in



touch with all was brought before the meeting. A committee consisting of Arthur B. Farr, Sarah Marble Shedd and Wm. J. Kent was appointed to bring to our next meeting a proposed plan to increase the interest and attendance of our meetings for worship.

The meeting adjourned until 2d Mo. 16 - 1913 at 12 M. at the meeting house.

Sarah Marble Shedd Clerk for the day.

At the adjourned meeting on Ministry & Oversight of Southfield. Monthly Meeting held second month 16 - 1913.

In the absence of the Clerk Sarah Marble Shedd was made Clerk for the day.

The Minutes of last meeting were

not at hand. The committee appointed 2d Mo. 2<sup>d</sup> 1913. on account of sickness and for other reasons not being able to give such attention to the matters consigned to it as it desired, it was continued and the meeting adjourned to 2 o'clock 2<sup>d</sup> Mo. 22-1913.

Sarah Marble Shedd  
Clerk for the day.

At an adjourned meeting of the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 2-22-1913 at 2 o'clock at the meeting house Sarah Marble Shedd acted as Clerk. The committee appointed at our last meeting reported as follows. To the Pastoral Committee four committee appointed 2<sup>d</sup> Mo 2<sup>d</sup> to devise a plan to increase

The interest in, and attendance at our meetings suggest the following plan for your consideration.

That a committee of two be selected from our number to have charge of the work, calling on members of the meeting at large to assist them as seems best. It is hoped that our members, attenders and those who may become interested may be visited.

Committee { Arthur B. Farr  
Sarah Marble Shedd  
William J. Kent

After due consideration, Arthur B. Farr and Mary J. Smith were appointed a committee to carry out the plan proposed and were requested to report occasionally to the Pastoral Committee.

Sarah Marble Shedd

Clerk for the day.



At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1913  
 In the absence of the Clerk Sarah Marble Shedd was appointed clerk for the day.  
 The minutes of the last meeting have been read - also the queries.  
 The appoint - Wm. J. Kent Alice R. Cranston and Anna R. Cranston as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 5<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1913. and they are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that one attended  
 the following report of the spiritual condition of the meeting has been prepared. A junior Christian Endeavor Society has been formed and the members take and meet

responsibility and Christian character is being developed. The young people provide social opportunities for young life, which are wholesome and helpful.

We feel that brotherly love prevails.

The Clerk is directed to forward the above report to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The same report with this addition is to be sent to the Monthly Meeting.

The attendance considering the untoward condition of sickness and unfavorable weather has been good. Applications for membership in the Society of Friends have been received from Sarah Ballou wife of Arnold B. Ballou and from Sarah Ann Ballou daughter of Arnold B. & Sarah Ballou. We welcome this application & forward the same to the Monthly Meeting with our approval.

Sarah M. Ballou

Clerk for the day.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1913, at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read also the queries.

We appoint Henry E. Babcock, Merriek F. Walling and Wm. J. Kent as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1913 and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives appointed at our last meeting report they all attended.

We appoint Anna R. Cranston and Mary J. Smith a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting.



to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

This meeting has received at this time requests from George Jackson, Raymond McCullough and Bessie Egan asking that they be enrolled as Associate members in the Society of Friends. The Pastoral Committee recommend that their requests be granted. This communication to be sent to the Monthly Meeting for their approval.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in Woonsocket in 10th Mo. 1913.

Dorcas H. Babcock, Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight - held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read, also the Inquier.

The appoint - James S. Read, Berna T. Morse, Mary J. Smith Henry E. Babcock and Wm. J. Kent - as our Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - to be held at Hornschoet - 11<sup>th</sup> Mo.

12<sup>th</sup> 1913 and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that one attended.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet in Hornschoet in First Month 1914.

Darce H. Babcock Clerk.

At the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1914.

In the absence of the clerk, Sarah Marble Shedd was appointed clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the queries.

The appoint - William J. Kent and Sarah Marble Shedd as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 11<sup>th</sup> and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Four of the representatives appointed to attend our last meeting were reported as attending.

Mary J. Smith was appointed to bring to our next meeting a written report of the spiritual condition of the meeting.

Sarah Marble Shedd  
Clerk for the day.



At the local meeting of Ministry and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, also the Inquiries.

The appoint-Anna B. Cranston, James S. Read and Mary J. Smith as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight next to be held at Hoonahoket and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report they attended.

The following are a copy of questions sent out by the Yearly Meeting. Answers have been given and the original has been returned to the Yearly Meeting.

Spiritual Life of the Meeting.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Does a spirit of reverence pervade the congregation during the hour of worship? There does
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To what extent is silent worship observed in your meetings? Some silence

- 3<sup>d</sup> Are all meetings begun on time? Yes.
- 4<sup>th</sup> What is the average proportion of late comers at each meeting? few children from a distance.
- 5<sup>th</sup> What are the definite policies pursued by the elders in enhancing the spiritual life of the meeting? to definite line of work carried out but try to attend to their duties as elders.
- 6<sup>th</sup> What have the overseers done to promote the consistent moral life of members?
- 7<sup>th</sup> Does your pastoral committee meet frequently? The Mtg of Ministry & Oversight have acted as Pastoral Committee.
- 8<sup>th</sup> What care do you exercise over non-resident members? Are keeping in touch with them as far as possible.  
Size & character of the Congregation
- 9<sup>th</sup> No. of people living in your church community (or town or city)
- 10<sup>th</sup> No. of families in touch with your work? 70.
- 11<sup>th</sup> No. of persons not members who attend your meeting for worship? 7
- 12<sup>th</sup> What proportion of persons (members & non-members) attending your meeting are males?  $\frac{1}{3}$ .



- 13<sup>th</sup> What proportion are under 30 years of age?  $\frac{1}{3}$ .
- 14<sup>th</sup> How far in country define the limits of your church community in a radius of miles?
- What other churches are located within this radius?
- 15<sup>th</sup> Average attendance on public worship at your meeting: First day morning? 34.  
First day evening? 30. Midweek? none.  
At Monthly Meeting when held in your meeting house? 10.

### Character of the Ministry.

- 16<sup>th</sup> No. of resident ministers? One. <sup>none</sup> Non-resident? <sup>none</sup>
- 17<sup>th</sup> Number of resident ministers who preach regularly? One. Occasionally? none.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Number who make family calls? One.
- 19<sup>th</sup> No. of calls made during the year? Frequent calls.
- 20<sup>th</sup> What opportunities for intellectual development do active ministers embrace, as for instance what books which bear directly on the task of the minister has each read during the past year? religious books also Dr. Elliott's five foot shelf.
- What magazines of said character?



How many books has borrowed from the General Theological Library during the year? none.

- Spiritual gifts & their development;
- 21<sup>st</sup> What evidences have been disclosed the past year of the reception of gifts in public service. Vocal prayers and service of Sabbath school Teachers.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> What has been done to encourage the exercise of such gifts? opportunities have been given them.
- 23<sup>d</sup> What opportunities for individual service are there in your meetings.
- 24<sup>th</sup> To what extent are these opportunities used? Fields of service & special work done.
- 25<sup>th</sup> What are the available fields for Christian service (aside from the regular work in your meeting) such as:  
 Holding cottage prayer meetings. Holding school house or mission meetings.  
 Holding meetings in chapels, jails, hospitals or almshouses. Nothing in this line.

Spiritual condition of the membership.

1<sup>st</sup> What are the evidences of a vital interest on the part of your members, in the affairs of the meeting? An attendance of meeting and willingness to help in the work.

2<sup>nd</sup> How many <sup>of your</sup> members at least—occasionally, give vocal expression of a religious life, in your meetings? Very few.

3<sup>d</sup> What is the resident-membership? 70

4<sup>th</sup> Number of resident members who attend meeting? 27.

5<sup>th</sup> Account for the non-attendance of resident members who neglect their duty in this respect. Sickness and distance from the meetings.

6<sup>th</sup> What is the non resident-membership. 23.

7<sup>th</sup> Do these attend public worship where they live? Some of them do.

Family worship.

8<sup>th</sup> Number of Friends families in the community? 13

9<sup>th</sup> What proportion of these observe family worship?



## Conduct of members.

- 10<sup>th</sup> Are all members fulfilling the requirements of the Discipline relative to outward conduct as stated in the Index (See Discipline, pages 57, 58.) We know some do.
- 11<sup>th</sup> In what respect not (state carefully)
- 12<sup>th</sup> If not have the Overseers done their duty?  
Christian work in which members are engaged
- 13<sup>th</sup> What lines of work are carried on by your meeting and with what degree of success?  
Bible school work & Christian Endeavour
- 14<sup>th</sup> In what lines of outside service are your members engaged? Temperance, child welfare work, Ballou Home for the aged, and Hospital work.
- 15<sup>th</sup> To what extent are persons who are not-members of your meeting actively engaged in your work. Only a very few.
- Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in November in 7<sup>th</sup> month next.

Darius H. Babcock Clerk.



At the local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914. The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the queries.

The appoint-Merrick F. Walling Wm. J. Kent and Henry E. Bafcock as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Bolton and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives appointed at our last meeting report they all attended to their duty.

The appoint-Anna R. Cranston and Sarah Marble Shedd a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders

for the term of three years from the time of their appointment.

As the Clerk of this meeting wishes to resign her Clerkship, Alice R. Cranston is appointed a committee to bring forward the name of a suitable person to serve in that capacity.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in tenth month next.

Darcey H. Babcock, Clerk.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held tenth month twenty-eight 1914, at the home of Alice and Anna R. Cranston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and also the Quorum.

We appoint James S. Read, Alice R. Cranston, Henry E. Babcock as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and

Oversight, to be held at Honesock  
eleventh month, eleventh 1914 and  
they are requested to attend to  
their appointment and report at  
our next meeting.

The representatives to our last  
meeting, report they all attended.  
The name of Mary J. Smith has  
been brought forward to serve as  
Clerk, with which the meeting  
unites and she is accordingly  
appointed to that service.

Our business for this time being  
accomplished we conclude,  
purposing to meet in first month next.  
Lucas H. Babcock Clerk  
M. J. S.

At the local meeting, on  
Ministry and Oversight held  
1<sup>st</sup> month 27<sup>th</sup> 1915 at the  
home of Alice R. and Anna R.  
Granston. The minutes were



read, and also the Queries.

As no members present have a prospect of attending Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> month 18<sup>th</sup> 1915 none were appointed.

The Representatives to our last meeting report that all attended. Bertha V. Morse was appointed to bring to our next meeting a written report of the spiritual condition of the meeting. Our business for this time being accomplished we concluded proposing to meet in 4<sup>th</sup> month next.  
Mary J. Smith Clerk.

The regular meeting of the Local Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cravston, 4<sup>th</sup> mo.

21st 1915, and adjourned to the Meeting House 4th Mo. 24th 1915 at 2 o'clock.

Met, as adjourned.

In the absence of the Clerk Sarah Marble Shedd was appointed clerk for the day. The queries were read and considered. There was no report presented on the spiritual condition of the meeting.

The following facts were noted: The attendance at meeting has not been quite as large as a year ago: the Pastor has made many calls; he took his turn among the ministers and held service at the Ballou Home for the Aged, the young people accompanied him to help by their singing: one person has been a constant teacher in the Childrens Play,



Room Club: the Christian Endeavour Society has sent flowers to the sick. They are to sing on first day at the Hospital. As no person had a prospect of attending the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, no representatives were named.

Sarah Marble Shedd  
Clerk for the day  
in M. & S.

At the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held seventh month 31st 1915 at the meeting House: The minutes of the last meeting were read, also the Queries and we appoint Alice R. Cranston Anna R. Cranston and Henry C. Babcock as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 8th mo 11th 1915 and they are requested to attend to their appointment.



and report at our next meeting.  
 Our business for this time being  
 accomplished we conclude  
 purposing to meet in 18th Worcester  
 Mary J. Smith  
 Clerk.

At the local meeting on ministry  
 and Oversight held 18th Mar 27-1915  
 at the home of Alice R. and Anna R.  
 Cronston, The minutes were read  
 all in the Querie, and we appoint  
 Willie Phillips, Henry E. Babcock,  
 James S. Reed, Anna R. Cronston,  
 as our representatives to the  
 Quarterly meeting on ministry  
 to be held at Worcester on the  
 11th Mar. 10-1915 and they are  
 requested to attend to their  
 appointment and report at  
 the next meeting.

Our representatives to the last  
 meeting report that two attended.

Annie R. Cranston and Mary P. Smith were appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the monthly meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in first month next.

Mary P. Smith  
Clerk.

The local meeting on Ministry, <sup>and vicarage</sup> met at the home of James S. Keal 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 26, 1916 and adjourned to the meeting house 1<sup>st</sup> 29-1916 met as adjourned; The minutes were read and also the Lesson and we appointed Merrick F. Hobbins, Bertha T. Morse, and James S. Keal as our representatives to the Quarterly

meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
 to be held at Worcester 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 they are requested to attend  
 to their appointment and  
 report at our next meeting  
 Our representatives to the last  
 meeting report that 3 attended.  
 Our business for this time being  
 accomplished we conclude  
 proposing to meet in 4<sup>th</sup> Mo next  
 Mary J. Smith  
 Clerk

At the local meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 26<sup>th</sup>  
 at the home of Alice R. and Anna  
 R. Cranston, the minutes of the  
 last meeting were read also  
 the Querie, and we appoint  
 James S. Read and Bertha V.  
 Morse as representatives to  
 the Quarterly Meeting on Minis-  
 try and Oversight to be held



at Bolton 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1916

Report of the Spiritual Condition  
of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was  
read, and approved, and a copy  
of the report was sent to Clerk  
of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight to be forwarded  
to the Yearly Meeting.

No other business appearing we  
conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

The local meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight met 7 Mo. - 26-1916  
at the home of Alice R. and Anna  
Cranston. The minutes of the  
last meeting were read, also  
the Queries. Our representative  
to the last Quarterly Meeting  
on Ministry and Oversight  
report they did not attend.  
No representatives were appointed.

As the meeting is to be held in  
 Bolton 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1916. as no  
 person had a prospect of attending  
 Anna R. Cranston, and James S.  
 Read were appointed a committee  
 from this meeting to cooperate  
 with a similar committee from  
 the monthly meeting, to present  
 to said meeting the names of  
 suitable friends to serve as  
 Elders for the term of three  
 years. Edgar Pennington was  
 present at our meeting, and  
 expressed an earnest desire to  
 be of service, especially to our younger  
 members. Our business being  
 accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
 Clerk.

The local meeting on ministry and Oversight, held at the home of Alice R. and Anna R. Cranston 10<sup>th</sup> month 25 - 1916

Minutes of last meeting read also the Querie, and we appoint as our representative at the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Wornsocket 11<sup>th</sup> mo 8<sup>th</sup> 1916 Alice R. Cranston James S. Read Anna R. Cranston Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

at Smithfield monthly meeting of Ministry and Oversight held Fourth month 11<sup>th</sup> 1917.

In the absence of the Clerk Sarah M. Shedd was appointed Clerk for the day. The following



named persons were appointed representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Woonsocket James S. Read, Alice R. Cranston, Anna R. Cranston, and Sarah M. Shedd. and they are requested to report their attendance. The Clerk was directed to forward the report on the spiritual condition of the meeting to the monthly meeting.

Sarah M. Shedd  
Clerk for the day.

At the local meeting of Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> month 11- The records of last meeting were read also the Querie and we appoint Alice R. Cranston and Anna R. Cranston as our representatives to attend the Quarterly

meeting of Ministry and Oversight  
next to be held at Bolton 8th month  
8th 1917. Our representatives to the  
last Quarterly meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight report that all  
attended. Our business being  
accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

At the local meeting of Ministry  
and Oversight held 10th 11-1917  
at the home of Alice R. Cranston  
records of our last meeting were  
read, also the Lucris, and we  
appoint Nellie Phillips, Sarah M.  
Shedd, Mary J. Smith, Bertha V.  
Morse, & Alice S. Read as our  
representatives to the Quarterly  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
to be held at Woburnocket 11th 8  
1917. Our representatives to the



last Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that none attended. Nellie Phillips and James S. Read were appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to present to said Meeting the names of suitable Friends to serve as Elders for the term of three years; Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

The local Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held first month 9th 1918 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The records of last Meeting were read, also the Query's, and we appoint Mary J. Smith, Merce F. Walling, Sarah M. Shedd, James



S. Read, as our representative to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester second month 14<sup>th</sup> 1918. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that all attended. Mary J. Smith was appointed to report on the Spiritual state of our Society. Feeling our need of a resident Minister, we recommend to the monthly meeting that our need be published in the American Friend.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

The local meeting on ministry, and oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> month 11<sup>th</sup> 1918 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The records of last meeting have been read, also the Quiris, and we appoint Melita B. Fisher, James S. Read, Bertha V. Morse, Horace B. Batcock, as our representatives to the next Quarterly meeting. They are requested to attend to their appointment, and report to our next local meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report that two attended. Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

At the local meeting on ministry and oversight held 11 - 7 - 1918 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The minutes of last meeting have been read, also the Quiris, and



we appoint Henrietta A. Pendleton, Sarah M.  
 Shedd, Mary F. Smith, James S.  
 Read, and Alice R. Cranston  
 as our representatives to the  
 next Quarterly meeting on Ministry  
 and Oversight to be held at  
 Woonsocket 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1918  
 and they are requested to attend  
 to their appointment, and report  
 to our next meeting. The representa-  
 tives appointed at our last  
 meeting report that two attended.  
 We appoint Alice R. Cranston  
 and Mary F. Smith a committee  
 from this meeting to cooperate  
 with a similar committee, appointed  
 by the Monthly Meeting to present  
 to said meeting the names of  
 suitable persons to serve as  
 Elders for the term of three years  
 from the time of their appoint-  
 ment. We were glad to welcome



William J. Cleaver and Wife at this time. Our business being accomplished we conclude postponing to meet in second month 1919.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held 2-Mon - 8<sup>th</sup> 1919.

We appoint James S. Read, Mary J. Smith, and Murrick F. Walling as representatives to attend Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 2-Mon 13-1919 and to report their attendance at our next meeting.

Sarah M. Shedd  
Clerk for the day.

Smithfield meeting of ministry  
and oversight held 4 mo 30<sup>th</sup> 1919  
The minutes of last meeting have  
been read, also the Quires,  
and we appoint William J.  
Cleaver, Dorcas H. Babcock,

Arthur B. Farr, as our repre-  
sentatives to the next Quarterly  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
to be held at Bolton 5 mo 7<sup>th</sup>  
and they are requested to  
attend to their appointment  
and report to our next  
meeting.

Our representatives to the  
last Quarterly meeting report  
that all attended.

Our business being accom-  
plished we conclude, propos-  
ing to meet in 8<sup>th</sup> month  
1919.

Mary J. Smith,  
Clerk.

Smithfield local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 8<sup>th</sup> Nov-  
7<sup>th</sup> 1919. The minutes of the last meeting have been read, also the queries. We appoint William J. Cleaver as our representative to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight next to be held at Bolton, and they are requested to attend to their appointment, if the way opens, and report at our next meeting. The representative appointed at our last meeting report that one attended. William J. Cleaver is to be with us another year as resident Pastor.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.



At the local meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight held 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1919  
The minutes of the last meeting have  
been read, also the queries.

We appoint Sarah M. Shedd,  
Dorcas H. Babcock, James S.  
Read, Mary J. Smith, William  
J. Cleaver, Alice R. Cranston,  
as our representatives to the  
Quarterly meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight to be held at  
~~Worcester second month 12<sup>th</sup> 1920~~  
~~Worcester 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1919~~

and they are requested to  
attend to their appointments  
and report at our next meeting.  
The representatives appointed  
at our last meeting report that  
none attended. Mr Cleaver gave  
notice that it was our turn  
to have the Union Thanksgiving  
service. We recommend to the next  
meeting that a Roll Call be held  
as soon as business being accomplished  
we conclude. Mary J. Smith, Clerk.

at the local meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight held 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1920  
at the home of Alice R. Cranston.  
The minutes of the last meeting  
have been read, also the queries,  
and we appoint, W. J. Cleaver  
James S. Reed, Mary J. Smith,  
Merrick F. Walling, as our  
representative to the Quarterly  
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
to be held in Worcester second month  
fourth-12-1920 if the way opens  
and report to our next meeting.

In discussing the needs of our  
young people, W. J. Cleaver informed  
me, that he hoped to be  
able to start a C. C. Society.  
The old one have been given  
up some time ago.

Our business being accomplished  
conclude, proposing to wait in  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1920. Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

At the last meeting, on Friday, and  
 through till 1.30 PM 17th 1921  
 at the home of Elizabeth Bennett.  
 The minutes of the last meeting  
 have been read and approved.  
 and we appoint William F.  
 Brown, to read, that Mary  
 and the nurse E. Halling be  
 our representatives to the Home  
 meeting on Monday and Tuesday  
 next to be held at 11.0 AM, and  
 they are requested to attend.  
 Their appointment, if may please  
 and also to our next meeting



At a meeting of the Pastoral  
Committee held Nov 3rd 1920  
at the meeting House.

Requests for membership in our  
Society were received from  
Eugene E. Paine, Maud R. Paine,  
Addie Paine, Albert E. Todd,  
May E. Todd, Lillian Todd, Glen  
Kee, Ernest Kree, Russell Antrick,  
Albert E. Smith, Robert E. Green,  
Ruth Henry, Isabelle Henry,  
Lillian Henry, Lulu F. Lock,  
Louise Green, the last named  
as an associate member.

After due consideration the  
meeting decided in forwarding  
these names to the Monthly Meeting  
for their approval.

Mary J. L. Little  
Clerk

Smithfield meeting of ministry  
and church held 5-10th 1820  
at the home of Alice R. Stanton.  
The minutes of the last meeting  
were read, also the quarterly  
report of the church, S. Read,  
Alice R. Stanton, Sarah M. Stebbins  
our representatives to the  
Quarterly meeting of Ministry and  
Church to be held in Worcester  
Nov 18th 1820 and they are  
requested to attend to their  
appointments and report at our  
next meeting. Our representatives  
to the last Quarterly meeting  
report that on account of the  
delay in the house they were  
late for the meeting.

A request was received from Helen  
S. Brown action to be taken in regard  
to keeping William P. Chapman with  
us for another year. It was  
thought best to recommend to the

monthly meeting that William F. Shaker be asked to stay with for another year. It was also recommended that the Astrol Committee organize,  
 Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude by going to meet on Feb 28, 1920  
 Mary J. Smith  
 Clerk.

Smithfield Monthly meeting of Ministers and Elders, Feb 1 - 28, 1920. At the home of Alice R. Cronston. The minutes of last meeting were read, also the business and we appointed Alice R. Cronston, Bertha L. Morse, and James S. Read as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders to be held at Bolton Nov 11, 1920. We represented to the East Quarter's meeting report that all



attended. Since our last meeting  
 William F. Clear has left us,  
 and Victor F. Chapman of Port  
 Fairfield Me. has been engaged  
 to the Pastoral committee to  
 take up the work in September.  
 Our business for this time being  
 accomplished we concluded  
 adjourning to meet in Nov. 1st.  
 Mary F. Smith  
 Clerk.

10<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 20

Smithfield meeting of ministers  
 and Oversight held Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1892.  
 At the house of Mrs R. Chaston.  
 The minutes of last meeting were  
 read. For the Quorum, and  
 we appointed Sarah M. Shedd, Alice  
 R. Chaston, Mary F. Smith, and  
 James W. Read as our representa-  
 tives to the Quarterly meeting  
 of ministers and Oversight  
 to be held in Woonsocket Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1892.

they are requested to attend the  
 their appointment and report at  
 our next meeting. None of our  
 representatives attended the  
 last meeting. Sarah M. Shedd  
 Mary P. Smith are appointed a  
 committee from this meeting  
 to cooperate with a similar  
 committee from the monthly  
 meeting to present to said  
 meeting the names of suitable  
 persons to serve as Elders for  
 the U. M. W. for three years.

Our business for this time being  
 accomplished we conclude  
 adjourning to meet in first  
 month 1921

Mary P. Smith  
 Clerk.

5<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 21

at Smithfield Monthly Meeting  
of Ministry and Oversight held  
5<sup>th</sup> Mon - 1<sup>st</sup> 1921.

We appoint Melita B. Fisher,  
Joseph Ester, Arthur B. Farr,  
as representatives to attend  
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting  
on Ministry and Oversight to  
be held at Worcester 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.  
They are requested to attend  
to their appointment and  
report at our next meeting.  
Our business being accomplished  
we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
Clerk.

The local meeting on Ministry  
and Oversight for seventh month  
was omitted.

M. J. Smith  
Clerk



16<sup>m</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 21

Local meeting, on Ministry, and Oversight held Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1921 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The queries have been read, and considered, and we appoint Alice R. Cranston, James S. Read, and Mary J. Smith, as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Bertha V. Morse, and Sarah M. Shedd are appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by the monthly meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years. Our business for this time being accomplished, we conclude.

mo 25<sup>th</sup> 22.

Local meeting on Ministry, and Oversight held 1st month 25<sup>th</sup> 1922 at the home of James S. Read. The minutes of our last meeting have been read also the queries, and we appoint Osborne J. Hoffman, Joseph Ester, Arthur B. Fair, Melita B. Fisher, Bertha T. Morse as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Y. M. C. A. second month 11<sup>th</sup>. They are requested to attend to these appointments and report at our next meeting. Our representatives to the last Quarterly meeting report that all attended. The fact was noted that our working meetings for spiritual are well attended; and the Bible school is in a flourishing condition. Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude. Mary J. Smith, Clerk.



4mo 26th 22

Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4th month 26th. 1922 at the home of Alice R. Granston. The minutes of our last meeting have been read also the querele, and we appoint Osborn J. Hoffman, Bertha V. Morse, B. Fisher as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 5th mo 13th. They are requested to attend to their appointment if the way opens, and report to our next meeting.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly meeting report that 4 attended.

A letter was received from Lena Brindle of which the following is a copy. To the meeting of Ministry and Oversight, Friends Church, Worcester Ket R. I. Dear Friends I am very much grieved to learn



that the services of our present Pastor, Osborn J. Hoffman, are not required by our meeting for the ensuing year. Personally, I have enjoyed and been greatly benefited by the sermons preached by Mr. Hoffman. They have done my heart good, and inspired me with a greater desire to live the kind of life God would have me live. The messages delivered to us have been filled with spiritual good and should have been an inspiration to us all.

During the past ten years, we have had, at least five and possibly six different pastors. It does not seem to me that this is necessary or in keeping with the dignity of the discipline of the Friends Church.

I trust that the meeting of  
 ministry and oversight will  
 exercise great forethought in  
 deciding upon a man to fill  
 Mr Hoffman's place. We are not  
 in a position to engage a high  
 salaried man, and consequent-  
 ly must not expect the eloquence  
 of an educational genius in the  
 man we are fortunate enough  
 to secure.

I felt that I must  
 let my voice be heard upon  
 this subject, as the changes  
 we have made so frequently  
 have not seemed wise to me  
 nor in keeping with a Christian  
 spirit." Respectively

Linda Brindle.

The Clerk was instructed to  
 acknowledge the receipt of this  
 letter. The Clerk was also  
 instructed to recommend to

the monthly meeting that we have a loving, watchful care of our Associate members, and encourage them to become Active members as soon as they are prepared to do so. Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

7<sup>th</sup> 26-22

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7<sup>th</sup> March 26-1922 at the home of James S. Read. The records of the last meeting have been read also the queries and we appoint as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 7<sup>th</sup> April Alice R. Cranston, Melita B. Fisher and James S. Read, they are requested to attend to their appointment if they may spare and report at our next meeting. The representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that they



will take in reaching Bolton, owing to an  
 accident to the auto. Since our last  
 meeting there has been a change in  
 Ministers, George P. Hoffman has gone  
 to Pittsfield N. H. and L. Elton Truitt  
 a graduate of Kenyon College having settled  
 among us. There has been one request to be  
 received as a member of the Society of  
 Friends. Our business for this time  
 being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith  
 Clerk.

10<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 22

The local meeting on Ministry and Oversight  
 held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 25<sup>th</sup> 1922 at the home of Alice R.  
 Cranston. The records of the last meeting have  
 been read also the queries, and we appoint  
 L. Elton Truitt, Sarah M. Shedd, Mary J.  
 Smith, James S. Read, Alice R. Cranston.  
 as our representatives to the Quarterly meeting  
 on Ministry and Oversight to be held 11<sup>th</sup> Mo.  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1922. They are requested to attend to  
 their appointment and report to our  
 next meeting. The representatives to the last

Quarterly meeting report that none attended.  
Bertha T. Morse, and James S. Read are  
appointed a committee from this meeting  
to operate with a similar committee  
from the monthly meeting to present to  
said meeting the names of suitable  
persons to serve as Elders for the  
term of three years.

It is with pleasure we note the increase  
in attendance at our morning meeting  
for worship. 71 being present last first  
day making an average of 63 for the  
past month. Owing to a contest with  
Hocusta, the attendance at our Bible  
School has been unusually large.

After careful consideration we are satisfied  
that S. Elton Trueblood has received a gift in  
the Ministry, and the Clerk is inclined  
to forward this information to the Quarterly  
meeting on Ministry and Oversight for its  
judgment. Our business for this time  
being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith. Clerk.













